THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) As per information received from the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), while students belonging to 648 schools appeared in the Class X examination conducted by the Council in 1994, 204 schools presented their candidates for the class XII examination conducted by the Council in 1994.

(b) to (g) The CISCE has informed that no school has refused to present its candidates for its examinations because of alleged irregularities or mistakes on the part of the Council. There are, however, a few schools who will not be sending their candidates for the examinations to be conducted by the Council in 1995 due to various administrative reasons not connected with any alleged irregularity or mistake on the part of the CISCE particularly in printing mark sheets. The Council has already considered such reasons and taken necessary action.

Study on PrimaryEducation

558. SHRI G. Y KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study conducted jointly by the NCERT, NIEPA and an organisation called New Concept has revealed the appalling state of primary education in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has chalked out any plan for revamping the District Primary Education Programme, in the light of the above study;

(c) what are its broad features; and

(d) how Government propose to overcome the low level of learning as revealed in the above study?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Baseline Studies on achievement levels of primary students were conducted jointly by NCERT, NIEPA and an NGO in 46 districts spread over 8 states. The study reveals that learning achievement levels are quite low in several of these districts.

(b) to (d) These baseline studies were in fact conducted as part of the project planning process of the District Primary Education Programme to assess the present status of learning achievement levels at the primary level in the selected districts and to provide an empirical basis to the development of district plans under the programme. The findings of the studies helped to define better and relevant strategies for DPEP interventions in the district plans under the programme. Similar studies are inbuilt in the DPEP to assess continually the impact of the programme on learning achievement levels. (

Acting General Secretary of RKVAS(S)

559. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Delhi had, on 2nd September, 1994 stayed the order of removing the General Secretary (Acting) of RKVAS(S) issued by its President in the last week of August and had ordered the maintenance of status que;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not been honouring the Court's Order in as much as a new person has been taken as the Acting General Secretary of RKVAS(S) before and after 2nd September, 1994; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and if not, the details of the person recognised as Acting General Secretary of the said Association?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that there is an order from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi for maintenance of Status-quo as on 2nd September, 1994

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Appointment of office bearers of employees associations and disputes, if any, in this regard are the internal matters of the Association concerned.

Special Dispensation Admission in KVS

560. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that he had ordered admission of about 400 children in Kendriya Vidyalaya as late as September, 1994 under Special Dispensation;

(b) whether the total admissions ordered during the current year is more than the stipulation made and accepted by a Committee of MPs set up for advising Government on the issue of granting Special Dispensation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and what is the percentage vis-a-vis total admissions ordered on regular basis during the preceding year 1993?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has intimated that the fresh admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas, done mainly in class I, were 63243 during the preceding year 1993-94. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has ordered 6991 admissions under special dispensation during the current session.

MAL-Administration of IIM, Ahmedabad

561. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the several news reports which recently appeared in the Press about the mal-administration of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and its Director;

(b) if so, what are the details of the reports; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The news reports contain some allegations against Director, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad in the administrative and financial matters. Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad is an autonomous institute which is governed by the Board of Governors. Such references especially concerning the Director are always referred to the Chairman, Board of Governors. In the recent past these matters have been got examined through a committee appointed by the Board which did not find any substance in the allegations.

Appointment of Assistant Commissioner in Kendriya Vidhyalaya Sangathan

562. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in April, 1994 two persons had been appointed as Assistant Commissioners of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan despite the fact that no post of Assistant Commissioner had been vacant or created for them;

(b) whether it is a fact that three posts of Assistant Commissioners have since been created;

(c) if so, whether the two appointees referred to in part (a) above have been